

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 102-112 as shown in following list of claims:

1.-91. (Canceled).

92. (Previously presented) A plasmid comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.

93. (Previously presented) The plasmid of Claim 92 wherein said plasmid is an expression vector.

94. (Previously presented) The plasmid of Claim 93 wherein said expression vector is a viral vector.

95. (Canceled).

96. (Previously presented) The plasmid of Claim 93 wherein said expression vector is a bacterial expression vector.

97. (Previously presented) A plasmid comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

98. (Previously presented) The plasmid of Claim 97 wherein said plasmid is an expression vector.

99. (Previously presented) The plasmid of Claim 98 wherein said expression vector is a viral vector.

100. (Canceled).

101. (Previously presented) The plasmid of Claim 98 wherein said expression vector is a bacterial expression vector.

102.- 123. (Canceled).

124. (Previously presented) A cell comprising the expression plasmid of Claim 93 or 98.
125. (Previously presented) The cell of Claim 124 wherein said cell is a prokaryotic cell.
126. (Previously presented) The cell of Claim 125 wherein said prokaryotic cell is a *Escherichia coli* cell.
127. (Previously presented) The cell of Claim 124 wherein the cell is a eukaryotic cell.
128. (Previously presented) The cell of Claim 127 wherein the eukaryotic cell is a yeast cell.
129. (Previously presented) The cell of Claim 127 wherein the eukaryotic cell is an insect cell.
130. (Previously presented) The cell of Claim 127 wherein the eukaryotic cell is a vertebrate cell.
131. (Previously presented) The cell of Claim 130 wherein the vertebrate cell is a mammalian cell.
132. (Previously presented) The cell of Claim 131 wherein the mammalian cell is a rodent cell.
133. (Previously presented) The cell of Claim 132 wherein the rodent cell is a mouse cell.
134. (Previously presented) The cell of Claim 132 wherein the rodent cell is a rat cell.
135. (Previously presented) The cell of Claim 131 wherein the mammalian cell is a primate cell.

136. (Previously presented) The cell of Claim 135 wherein the primate cell is a VERO cell.

137. (Previously presented) The cell of Claim 135 wherein the primate cell is a human cell.